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not be touched by anything we're doing. This is something that the physicians like because it will redound to their benefit if they pay the increased amounts that this bill requires. I am not persuaded that if we raise that cap in Nebraska that malpractice insurance premiums will be raised prohibitively in this state. I do not believe that doctors on a wholesale basis are going to pick up and leave this state, because they're going to jump out of the skillet, into the fire, because other states will require them to pay higher premiums than they would be paying in Nebraska if we raise the cap. Whenever there is something people do not want to do,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they are going to raise every argument they can to show why they ought not be required to do that. You all have seen me do it on this floor. I do not want to see lethal injection be adopted as a means of the state killing people, and there are others who feel that way too, and we will give every argument we can to show why that ought not to be done. In the case that we're talking about with medical malpractice, or that I'm talking about, I do not believe if we raise the cap that these doctors' premiums are going to be increased to any great extent, and by that I mean to the point where they would feel they've got to leave this state. Mr. President, I will withdraw that pending amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, you have items for the record, or messages?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. A communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read re: LB 208, LB 227, LB 236, LB 270, LB 353, LB 382, and LB 740.) New A bill. (Read LB 1086A by title for the first time.) Urban Affairs Committee reports LB 903, LB 1043, LB 1137, LB 1148, LB 1171, those bills are reported indefinitely postponed; LB 1192 indefinitely postponed, LB 1246 indefinitely postponed. (Urban Affairs Committee also reports LB 1175 to General File.) Revenue Committee, Mr. President, reports LB 895 to General File with amendments, LB 1095 to General File with amendments, and LB 1178 indefinitely postponed. And I have a confirmation report from